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For: INTERNET-BASED SYSTEM AND)		
METHOD FOR FACILITATING)		
COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS)		
BETWEEN BUYERS AND VENDORS)		

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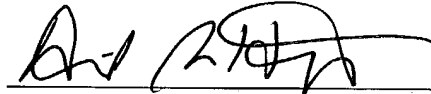
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	A01	6,115,690	09/2000	Wong			
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference 056276-5003	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US02/30367	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 17 September 2002 (17.09.2002)	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 30 November 2001 (30.11.2001)
Applicant ALPHA OMEGA TECHNOLOGY INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.



It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the Report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.



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2. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box I).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (See Box II).

4. With regard to the **title**,



the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.



the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

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6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. 1



as suggested by the applicant.



None of the figures



because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.



because this figure better characterizes the invention.

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International application No.

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Box III TEXT OF THE ABSTRACT (Continuation of Item 5 of the first sheet)

NEW ABSTRACT

An Internet-based, business-to-business web site (figure 1) which aggregates product information from each of a plurality of vendors into a common display format. In response to receiving identification information from an Internet-enabled computing device used by a buyer, the web site displays a list of departments or product categories for which the buyer is authorized to make purchases. Upon receipt of the buyer's selection of a product category or department, the web site displays a list of vendors that have authorized products corresponding to the selected department or category. Upon receipt of the buyer's selection of a vendor, the web site displays that vendor's list of approved products corresponding to the selected department or category. The buyer may place an order for one or more approved products, whereupon the web site receives order parameters, such as the identity of the product and the quantity desired. The web site then forwards the order to the selected vendor for fulfillment, and optionally tracks shipment of the order from the vendor to the buyer.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) : G06F 17/60

US CL : 705/27

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S. : 705/27

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,115,690 A (WONG) 05 September 2000 (05.09.2000), see entire document particularly: Abs, all figures, Col. 3 line 42 to Col. 6 line 64, Col. 12 lines 13-31, lines 3-53, Col. 34 lines 20-60, col. 46 lines 10-28, Col. 49 line 46 to Col. 50 line 10.	1-44

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☐ See patent family annex.

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